NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING & COMMENT PERIOD



DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN PROPOSED CENTRAL LOS ANGELES NEW LEARNING CENTER NO. 1

(Former Ambassador Hotel Site)
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period: June 30 – August 15, 2006 Public Meeting: July 13, 2006 – 6:30 p.m. Open House: July 15, 2006 –10 a.m. - 12 noon

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's Proposed Central Los Angeles New Learning Center No. 1 Site (formerly the Ambassador Hotel Site). The site is located at 3400 Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. The plan addresses the mitigation measures for methane and hydrogen sulfide gases on the site. During quarterly soil vapor monitoring at the site, methane was detected beneath the soil at levels that could present a physical hazard; and hydrogen sulfide was detected at levels that could present a health hazard. As a result, LAUSD has prepared a Draft RAP to evaluate alternatives to mitigate the potential risks. An underground gas mitigation system is proposed to be incorporated into the new school construction process.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the community the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC about the proposed mitigation measures during a 45-day public comment period that starts on June 30, 2006 and ends on August 15, 2006. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAP may given in person at the community meeting to be held on Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 6:30 p.m., at the Berendo Middle School – Auditorium, 1157 S. Berendo St., in Los Angeles. An Open House will also be held on Saturday, July 15, 2006 at the proposed school site located at 3400 Wilshire Blvd., from 10 a.m. to noon. Gate access to the site is on the corner of 7th and Catalina streets. Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Stephanie Lewis, DTSC Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below. Comments must be postmarked by **August 15, 2006**.

WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAP and other project documents are available at the following Los Angeles locations: Felipe de Neve Branch Library, 2820 W. 6th St.; the Pio Pico – Koreatown Branch Library, 203 S. Los Angeles St.; Virgil Middle School Administration Office, 152 N. Vermont Ave., and on the LAUSD web site: www.laschools.org. Additionally, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Records contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions regarding the Remedial Action Plan or meeting room accessibility, please contact Ms. Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2846 or call toll free at (866) 495-5651, or email: tmiller@dtsc.ca.gov. You can also contact Ms. Stephanie Lewis, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2847 or email: slewis1@dtsc.ca.gov.